

REMARKS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on May 5, 2003, reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested. Claims 29-33 have been renumbered as claims 28-32; no new claims have been added.


For the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that the present set of claims are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes an additional telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Thomas C. Webster at (408) 720-8300.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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